

new A PLACE TO CALL HOME

K-State's new residence hall and dining center are scheduled to be finished in 2015.

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As the largest administrative unit in the Division of Student Life with several distinct functional areas working together to provide one cohesive student experience, K-State's Housing and Dining Services understands the importance of teamwork.

Its united approach to the operation of nine residence halls, three dining centers, five convenience stores, a coffee shop, a bakery and a restaurant has resulted in soaring demand from incoming students. So when plans to build a new residence hall and dining center were announced in spring 2013, it was clear that collaboration would play a large role in the process.

Much is expected of the end result. The new community will offer more than good food and comfortable beds — it will provide an environment in which living and learning are combined. It will embrace the timeless traditions of the university while featuring the modern student life amenities that will support K-State's efforts to become a Top 50 public research university by 2025.

Add to that a long-standing commitment to ensuring a safe, inviting and inclusive community for hundreds of students from a diverse range of backgrounds and the project's list of "must haves" continues to grow. For that reason, it was important to all involved to select an architecture firm that shared the same commitment to these goals.

Treanor Architects' student life design studio was chosen as the architect of record for the new community, which will include the existing Goodnow and Marlatt residence halls. A specialist in designs that support students' personal, social and academic success, the

At left: More than 5,000 K-State students live on campus. K-State's Housing and Dining Services oversees the campus's residential and dining centers and plans to open a new living and dining community in 2015.



Photos by Tommy Theis '13 and K-State Housing and Dining Services



11 a.m.
study group
(my room)



12:30 p.m.
lunch in
Kramer



Kramer Hall was where I dined when I lived in Goodnow Hall. Our floor would meet at 4:45 every evening to go over and eat as a family. Those kids were my family at K-State. I remember the camaraderie and great friendships that were formed.”

— Cathy Wiltfong Lacy '79

Not only did living on campus provide a community of study partners and close access to campus resources, the residence halls also helped me get connected and involved in various community service and leadership activities. Living in the K-State residence halls provided a community with fun memories and countless lifelong friends!”

— Andrew Bell '03

Share your memories

The Department of Housing and Dining Services is proud of its success in making K-State a “home away from home” for students since 1948, and the new community will be designed with that in mind. If you lived on campus during your time as a student at K-State, submit your memories. Send a note — and photos if you have them — to hdmktg@k-state.edu. Housing and dining services will feature them on its website and in future projects.

Lawrence, Kan.-based studio has planned, programmed or designed 45 student life projects in the past five years.

Recent projects include accommodations on campuses such as Texas A&M University, the College of William & Mary and the University of Missouri.

In October, Treanor hosted a series of focus group meetings on campus to gather ideas and other input from students, housing professionals, dining professionals, and campus and academic organizations.

“Treanor’s student life design studio was chosen for their experience and expertise in creating engaging, modern spaces that are tailored specifically to the needs of colleges and universities,” said Derek Jackson '92, director of housing and dining services. “They recognize and appreciate the multifaceted nature of this project and went to great lengths to ensure everyone’s voice was heard during the planning process.”

Two specialty consultants will assist Treanor with the dining center’s design. Meshier Shing McNutt, an architecture and interior design firm based in Seattle that focuses on food service concepts, will provide the expertise they contributed to notable dining projects for Starbucks, Microsoft, Amazon, Michigan State University, Princeton, University of California, Berkeley and Virginia Tech. Denver-based Ricca Newmark Design, which has designed state-of-the-art kitchens worldwide with recently completed projects at Dartmouth College and the University of Wisconsin, will provide specialized support for the kitchen and food service areas.

“Our food service design teams have been creating award-winning dining solutions for many years, and we’re excited to have their



Plans to build a new residence hall and dining center will include the existing Goodnow and Marlatt residence halls. An artist’s rendering shows the plans for Goodnow Hall. Although this is not the final design, it gives a general idea of the direction of the project.

imagination and creativity as part of this project,” said Mary Molt '95, associate director of housing and dining services. “In addition to great meals from its engaging and energetic open-style kitchen, this visionary dining center will produce many learning opportunities for hospitality management and dietetics students.”

The new residence hall is scheduled for completion in August 2015. The dining center will be open the following winter, and the renovations to the existing residence halls are due to conclude in fall 2016. 📍



Follow the progress and learn more about the architects at housing.k-state.edu/resources/construction.

Bringing everyone to the table

Although K-State doesn’t require incoming freshmen to live on campus, the residence halls fill quickly each year with students making the transition from high school to college.

Why? Housing and dining services staff believe it’s due in large part to the department’s relationship with key groups and programs across campus — a support system that makes the most of students’ experience at K-State academically, socially and culturally.

One of these organizations is K-State First, a program designed to connect first-year students who share similar academic pursuits. Housing and dining services promotes the program’s many activities and provides living space for the matched groups — residential CAT (Connecting Across Topics) communities — to live.

K-State Libraries, Career and Employment Services,

Counseling Services and Lafene Student Health Center all work directly with staff to maintain contact with on-campus students, regularly reminding them of available services. The department’s active participation in the MAP-Works (Making Achievement Possible) program also is effective at connecting students with the resources they need, helping them overcome potential first-year struggles and continue their education into their sophomore year and beyond. Honors House, housing and dining services’ newest community, houses 51 honors students as part of the department’s partnership with the University Honors Program.

“The relationships we’ve worked to create and maintain with others in the K-State community are beneficial not only to us as a department and to the programs we promote, but most importantly to the students,” said Stephanie Groninga Bannister '09, associate director of housing and dining services. “When our students succeed, everyone wins.”